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HOW TO...

Clean your hard disk

It's never too early to give your system a spring clean, says **Jennifer Bagley**. If your hard disk is clogged up with unwanted files, simply blast them away with **QuickClean**, free with this month's cover disc



Now PCs can be on all the time and download times are so quick, we frequent the web more often to surf, download programs and files and collect email. These

activities can clog up your hard disk with cached web pages, browsing histories, old attachments and so forth. This is where McAfee's QuickClean, included on this month's cover disc, can help.

QuickClean helps you to clean out the data you no longer need, without accidentally deleting anything of importance. It has better internet clutter-cleaning abilities than previous versions. Also new to this version is an improved Restore Point backup facility.

1 When the program starts, click on the Disk Cleanup tab. Click on the link to get the program to look for unnecessary files. The program will spend a few minutes putting together the SmartLinks database.

2 Once the database is finished, you'll be taken through a series of screens that help the program to establish which types of files you're happy for it to delete. It is worth spending some time here building a rule that will make this process easier in the future. In the Select Groups to Clean window, click on the Create Rules button at the bottom. Click New in the dialog box that appears. In the next dialog box, make your

selections. Here we've chosen to delete files with a certain extension. Then click on the underlined links in the section below. To find a folder, click on the browse button. When you've finished, click OK until you're back at the Select Groups screen. Click Next to complete the wizard.

3 When you deleted files in Step 2, you were asked if you wanted to create a Restore Point. This is handy, because if you find you've erased a file you need you can reset your computer. Simply go to the Summary tab and click on the Manage Restore Points link at the bottom of the screen. Select the Restore Point you want and click OK. **CS**

